

Town of Matthews CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
Minutes
JORDAN ROOM, MATTHEWS TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, August 28, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by chair Natisha Patrick.

Present: Angela Lee, Bob Hughes, Becky Hawke, Jermaine Milledge, Sarah Milledge, Nikki Keith
Town staff: Hazen Blodgett and Cory (insert last name)

Natisha requested approval of April and May Meeting Minutes. Becky moved to accept and Nikki seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Natisha shared there was not a quorum at the July meeting so there were not any minutes or CDC business conducted.

All Abilities Playground—Natisha shared with the group that Chuck asked that the CDC consider exploring an All Abilities playground. He brought an example from Waynesville that was funded by NC Connect Bonds Grant. This grant was in 2016 and funding is no longer available. Cory with Town of Matthews shared that there are inclusive pieces on several local playgrounds but Matthews does not have an all abilities playground. He shared that there are several parks in the design phase where this playground could fit. Committee needs to research how we can support funding for this project.

Sarah asked if we will have an ADA coordinator that would assist with this project. Corey shared the architecture firm that would be secured would have an ADA coordinator.

Affordable Housing—Matthews will have new Affordable Housing Committee. Natisha provided an update. Group will meet periodically and she will keep CDC informed.

Matthews Alive—Cory provided an update. There was a discussion on future CDC participation.

Committee Members Bios—Natisha asked for an update. Jermaine shared that it is important for the committee to demonstrate the diversity of members on the committee. We need to add Natisha, Chuck and remove Matthew.

Discussion on changing the name to committee

Any Other Business—Bob mentioned Poverty Simulation on October 27 from 10-1. He shared flyers and brochures for sign up.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Next Meeting September

Mission: *The role of the Cultural Diversity Council (CDC) is to foster a climate of mutual respect among the many diverse groups and communities in Matthews; improve communications between these groups and communities and the Town government and leaders; to offer input to*

Town and community issues; and to encourage discussion of differing viewpoints to promote an understanding in a multicultural environment and increase Matthews' capacity to become a more culturally competent organization and community. The CDC may also become involved in other tasks as requested by the Board of Commissioners or Town staff and additional subcommittees or task forces may be created as needed.